

## ASSASSIN TRAILED HARA FOR MONTHS

Bought Dagger in Summer,  
but Strict Guarding  
Saved Premier.

HAD NO ACCOMPLICES

Admits Act Was a 'Great  
Crime,' but Excused by  
Love of Country.

SIMPLE FUNERAL HELD

Elder Statesmen Meet—Ad-  
miral Saito to Reform Cab-  
inet, Tokio Hears.

TOKIO, Nov. 7 (Associated Press).—

The confession of Ryichi Nakoka, the assassin of Premier Takashi Hara, shows the doing to death of the Premier had long been premeditated. The embargo the officials had placed on the details of the attack on the Premier and the motives for the assassination was partially lifted to-day.

Nakoka had been shadowing the Premier, seeking a chance to stab him. He always met with failure, however, owing to the strict police guard around the Premier. In his confession Nakoka says he purchased the dagger with which he killed the Premier last summer, and that since that time he had awaited the opportune moment.

The most reliable newspapers of Tokio say Nakoka had no accomplices. The police have found, according to the *Yomiuri*, that the assassin had been inspired to commit the deed through his interest in politics and association with his superior, Eijoro Hashimoto, the assistant station master at the Otsuma railway station, who also had been taken into custody. Hashimoto indulged, it is alleged, in severe criticism of the policies of Premier Hara.

Referring in the presence of Nakoka to the thrilling deeds of the so-called political martyrs whose names were "sacred in the history of the Meiji restoration," Hashimoto is declared to have expressed regret over the disappearance of the samurai and to have declared that the youths of to-day were cowardly and could not be expected to commit hara-kiri.

"But I shall be an exception," Nakoka is said to have exclaimed. "I shall commit hara-kiri," using the last word as a pun and meaning the killing of Premier Hara.

An extract taken from a notebook of Nakoka by the police is declared to read:

"I knew Act Was Crime.  
According to the police Nakoka said to them: "It was a great mistake for Hara to stay in office, disregarding public opinion. I know it was a great crime for a young man to assassinate the Premier, but I have done it because I love my country. I intended to commit suicide on the spot, and am sorry that I failed."

The funeral of the Premier to-day was of the simplest character. The ceremony at the residence was attended only by personal friends. The services were conducted by a Buddhist priest and seven assistants, after which the funeral cortege proceeded to the Selyukai headquarters.

The widow and the closest relatives and friends of the late Minister followed immediately after the body and were received at the entrance. The coffin was placed on an altar, surrounded by many wreaths, including floral offerings from the Emperor and Empress.

Crown Prince Hirohito, Field Marshal Yamagata, Marquis Saito and all the most prominent embassies and legations. While the body lay in state thousands passed the bier, among them imperial representatives, princes, field marshals and Ministers. To-night the body was conveyed to a special train which carried it to Morioka, where the funeral ceremony will take place November 11.

**Elder Statesmen Meet.**  
The Elder Statesmen held a conference at the palace to-day, the subject of the membership occupying their attention. So far as a decision was reached, but there was a full exchange of views between Marquis Saionji, Marquis Matsukata and Baron Makino.

Admiral Saito, Governor-General of Korea, who arrived in Tokio recently, it was said on business connected with the budget, joined in the conversations. A minor publication issued an extra to the effect that Admiral Saito had been summoned and likely would be charged with the task of reforming the Cabinet. This, however, is regarded as a hasty conclusion.

Another possibility for the premiership is figured in the speculation to-day in the person of Finance Minister Takahashi, who has the support of a group of younger influential politicians, who contend that the combining of the offices of Premier and Finance Minister would go far to restoring economic confidence. M. Takahashi is regarded as an optimist in the matter of national finance.

**ERZBERGER'S SLAYERS  
TURN UP; 1 MURDERED**  
**German Police Get Clues  
From Fresh Killing.**

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VIENNA, Nov. 7.—The alleged assassins of Matthias Erzberger, formerly Finance Minister of Germany, and one of the leading German politicians, have turned up in Austria in a sensational manner. A man 39 years old and fashionably dressed, and who had described himself as a merchant from Innsbruck, was found shot at Baumkirchen, in Upper Styria, on Thursday.

The police arrested his companion, who also described himself as a merchant from Innsbruck, taking him into custody on the suspicion that he was the murderer. He escaped from the police by jumping from a moving train, and disappeared.

Owing to certain information and the likeness of the two men to photographs and descriptions on the warrants for the arrest of Herr Erzberger's murderers, the police now believe the murdered man was a student named Tilles and the murderer a merchant named Schultz, both charged with the murder of Erzberger. They are known to have stayed in Bavaria and the Tyrol, from which they are supposed to have gone into Styria, hiding in different places for two months.

Witt Schultz should have murdered his companion in an unsolved riddle. Police are active in searching for him.

**NAVAL CADETS STEAL  
PARAGUAYAN GUNBOAT**

**Lock Up Captain and Flee  
North on Parana River.**

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Nov. 7 (Associated Press).—The naval cadets on board the Paraguayan gunboat *Adolfo Riquelme*, led by the chief gunner, mutinied yesterday, overpowered the commander, took possession of the warship and fled with it northward up the Parana River, according to despatches from Asuncion to-day. The incident is said not to be connected with the present disturbed political situation in Paraguay.

Capt. Jess, in command of the craft, who is said to be a former German submarine commander, was locked in his cabin. Several vessels were sent in pursuit of the *Adolfo Riquelme*, which carries a battery of four guns.

**SPANIARDS GAIN IN MOROCCO.**

**Plateau of Igneyman Occupied  
and Fortified.**  
MADRID, Nov. 7 (Associated Press).—The objectives of the latest Spanish advance against the Moroccans have been attained, according to an official statement issued here to-day. The plateau of Igneyman has been occupied and fortified by the Spanish troops.

The Spanish columns were commanded by Gen. Sanjurjo, Federico Barezguer and Neila.

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Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
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The United States Army at present consists of about 133,000 officers and men, of whom 18,000 are officers. This amounts approximately to one officer to every seven men. The apparent inequality between the number of officers and men is due, military experts explain, to the present army policy of maintaining an army capable of expansion in time of war. The theory is and the policy was approved by Congress after long discussion that the ranks of the various branches should be filled in time of need from the citizenship of the nation.

Just before the United States entered the war, when the army consisted of 100,000 officers and men, between 5,000 and 6,000 were officers. Therefore, the number of officers is now about three times as great.

The authorized strength of the army as provided in the last army appropriation bill is 150,000. When the bill became a law the army had about 175,000 officers and men. Orders went out, therefore, to reduce the forces to the authorized strength by allowing enlistments to expire and to suspend recruiting.

The War Department seized the opportunity to make a change in the system of recruiting. It had been customary to handle recruiting from Washington, but this was abandoned for what is known as the policy of decentralization, by which recruiting is in the hands of the various corps area commanders. A delay in getting this new arrangement started caused the reduction of the forces to 133,000 men. It is expected that almost immediately the size of the army will jump back to the prescribed strength of 150,000.

To some extent the additional number of officers is due to the establishment of two new branches of the service, the Army Air Service and the Chemical Warfare Service which did not exist at the beginning of the war. However, most of the other branches of the service have been increased in size so far as officer personnel is concerned. Branches that at one time had 30 officers, now have from 200 to 300.

Generally speaking, the officers in the service are holding rank of from one to two grades higher than they did under the army organization before the war. That is, an officer who with the same number of years in service had been a Captain in the old days now is a Lieutenant Colonel or at least a Major.

## LANDRU IS ON TRIAL FOR MANY MURDERS

Calmly Hears Recital of Slay-  
ing Ten Women and  
One Youth.

LITTLE OF GAY LOTHARIO

Choosing Jury and Reading of  
Long Indictment Fill  
First Day.

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"As calm as an Assyrian monarch giving judgment instead of receiving it," such was the impression whispered by a spectator when the trial of Henri Désire Landru, one of the most discussed men on two hemispheres, called the "Bluebeard of Gambala," who is accused of eleven murders, began in the Seine-et-Oise Court in Versailles to-day. The Assyrian suggestion was due to the carefully tended black beard of Landru, which he once admitted was the chief element "in the fascination which procured for him 235 fiancées."

Despite his two and a half years in prison, a more calm and self-contained figure than Landru never appeared at a criminal dock. It is true that one who never answered any of the famous matrimonial advertisements by which victims were obtained saw little of the gay Lothario evident in the externals of this bald, bearded and elderly man of that commonplace type which one meets by the hundreds in a day's walk.

The courtroom, with its limited seating capacity, was besieged since early this morning by persons who wanted to attend the trial, while in the crowd were peddlers selling a popular song about a man with many fiancées.

When court opened half the seats were occupied by newspaper representatives and the other half by the 150 witnesses. The prisoner sat silent throughout the reading of the long, dull charges, but which consumed two and a half hours and was a monotonous description of sordid crimes. Only when he was ordered to plead did Landru arise. Then he protested his innocence.

Sensation mongers were disappointed in the dullness of the proceedings, and Landru is in danger of losing his popular favor, which is based entirely on his reputation for witty retorts, so that the sordidness of the crimes with which he is charged is almost forgotten. However, Landru will take the stand in direct examination to-morrow, and the proceedings may then please his audience.

The selection of the jury, the reading of the names of the witnesses in the case and the charges took up the entire time of the court to-day.

Landru is charged with having murdered ten women to whom he was engaged, and also the son of one of these women. In each case, it was charged, he cremated the bodies. His chief counsel is M. Moro-Giafferi, who defended Joseph Caillaux, formerly Premier, and Charles Humbert of the *Journal*.

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## KINNAIRD CASTLE BURNED.

Earl of Southesk Loses a Raribus  
Worth \$50,000.  
LONDON, Nov. 7.—Kinnaird Castle, near Brechin, Forfarshire, Scotland, the seat of the Earl of Southesk, was destroyed by fire to-night. The Earl is the owner of a large collection of pictures by old masters, Italian, Dutch, Flemish, French and German; a library of thousands of volumes, including original manuscripts and Shakespearian folios, together with a large collection of antique gems. Many of the valuables were saved but a rare painting valued at \$50,000 was burned.

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Gray Squirrel Wrap.....\$950	Civet Cat Coat.....\$295
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